

Awesome Occupations

Will Yours Be One?

Even if you know there's only one occupation that's great for you, it's still a good idea to take a close look at its characteristics so you have a reasonable idea of what to expect when you start hunting for a place to work.

What are the characteristics of an occupation? Here's some examples.

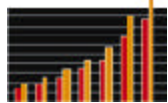
WAGES. Even if you're not materialistic, you want to know what to expect, right? Compare entry wages for your hot job picks with entry wages for other jobs—are you going to make enough to get that sweet sound system you saw last week or just enough to pay rent? Then take a look at entry wages compared to experienced wages. Are you really attached to eating out every night or are you okay with ramen noodles for a few months, a few years or...until you're ready for the next job?



OPPORTUNITY. Even if you're totally prepared, job openings might not come around every month—or year. Get an idea of how many opportunities you'll have by looking at estimated annual openings for that occupation. Keep in mind that if you're looking at annual openings for the whole state, most of those openings could be in just one city—look for regional information as well.



WHERE'S IT GOING? Is this occupation growing at a runaway pace, or have businesses stopped hiring? Case in point—telephone operators and telemarketers. Telephone operator jobs are declining and telemarketer jobs are growing. Why? Technology! No brainer? Perhaps—but some occupations are a lot tougher to judge than others. Do yourself a favor and check out the growth rate for your top pick occupations.



EDUCATION. Love to learn or love to earn? Earning and learning usually go hand in hand. Dream and then get there! If Environmental Attorney is your dream occupation, but getting an advanced degree seems unrealistic right now, look at other occupations that are similar. Then plan a career path using similar occupations as stepping stones to move you toward that dream. Add the necessary classes here and there until you get where you want to be. You *can* get there. Education gives you the chance to discover new loves. You may learn about topics you've never heard of—topics so new they don't have names yet!



Source: Nebraska Careers and Education http://www.dol.state.ne.us/nwd/workserv/jobcareer/datapubs/occupations/careered/100dpi/Occupation_Information_Pages_28-39.PDF

Check out these awesome New Hampshire jobs*:

Requires an Associate's Degree

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Annual Openings*
Registered Nurse (RN)	\$18.20	486
Teacher's Aide	\$7.97	221
Electrical/Electronic Tech.	\$17.32	80
Dental Hygienist	\$21.70	74
Paralegal	\$16.42	49

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Growth Rate*
Dietetic Technician	\$10.24	59.8%
Medical Records Technician	\$10.03	53.3%
Electroneurodiagnostic (EEG) Technologist	\$19.18	52.5%
Respiratory Therapist	\$17.20	51.0%
Dental Hygienist	\$21.70	50.4%

Requires a Bachelor's Degree

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Annual Openings*
Teacher, Secondary	\$18.67	326
Teacher, Elementary	\$18.31	275
Systems Analyst	\$25.31	253
Computer Support Specialist	\$19.15	183
Computer Programmer	\$26.23	158
Electrical/Electronic Engineer	\$27.74	108

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Growth Rate*
Computer Support Specialist	\$19.15	87.9%
Systems Analyst	\$25.31	87.4%
Database Administrator	\$24.59	72.6%
Instructional Coordinator	\$18.19	60.4%
Physician's Assistant	\$25.41	59.9%

Requires a Master's Degree

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Annual Openings*
Social Worker	\$14.86	73
Vocation/Education Counselor	\$16.87	43
Speech Pathologist	\$19.63	37
Psychologist	\$23.89	28
Management Analyst	\$21.87	22

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Growth Rate*
Social Worker	\$14.86	50.3%
Speech Pathologist	\$19.63	45.9%
Management Analyst	\$21.87	29.1%
Vocational/Education Counselor	\$16.87	25.5%
Nursing Instructor	\$18.34	24.3%

Requires a Doctoral Degree

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Annual Openings*
Biological Scientist (ie., Biochemist, Zoologist)	\$23.12	13
Business Teacher, Postsecondary	\$31.26	11
Physicist/Astronomer	\$27.52	1

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Growth Rate*
Computer Science Teacher, Postsec.	\$28.04	53.3%
Agricultural Science Teacher, Postsec.	\$25.72	35.7%
Biological Scientist (ie., Biochemist, Zoologist)	\$23.12	33.8%
Business Teacher, Postsecondary	\$31.26	25.2%
Psychology Teacher, Postsecondary	\$26.70	24.8%

Requires a First Professional Degree

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Annual Openings*
Physician/Surgeon	\$51.48	153
Lawyer	\$34.75	46
Dentist	\$43.61	22
Veterinarian	\$24.25	12
Chiropractor	\$25.88	6

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Growth Rate*
Chiropractor	\$25.88	35.7%
Physician/Surgeon	\$51.48	33.2%
Podiatrist	\$46.07	21.3%
Clergy	\$18.11	21.1%
Veterinarian	\$24.25	15.8%
Optometrist	\$33.27	14.5%

Requires Long Term Training (12 months or longer)

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Annual Openings*
Automotive Mechanic	\$13.94	218
Truck Driver	\$13.70	195
Carpenter	\$14.20	178
Police Patrol Officer	\$15.38	137
Electrician	\$15.35	79

	Avg. Hourly Salary*	Avg. Growth Rate*
Desktop Publisher (Electronic Pagination Spec)	\$13.56	84.4%
Salesperson, Securities/Commodities	\$26.10	39.4%
Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff	\$15.14	34.9%
Police Patrol Officer	\$15.38	32.5%
Precision Foundry Mold & Core Maker	\$12.61	30.3%